



November 2018

engl.

# Peace be with you!

(John 20:19)

---

**Heaven will be peace!**

## „Freunde des Wortes“

**Kontakt:** Meinolf Wacker  
Kirchplatz 7  
59174 Kamen  
Tel.: 0049-172-5638432  
Mail: [mail@onword.de](mailto:mail@onword.de)  
homepage [www.onword.de](http://www.onword.de)

Dear friends of the word,

“and now your granddad is up there in heaven” we tell children when we speak to them about death and we point towards the sky. But is God, with whom we believe our deceased to be, really 'up there'? “Heaven is between us”, a book title told the readers. Should we look 'up there' or 'between us'?

I remember the passing of an old priest. During the last weeks of his life I visited him daily. He had difficulty breathing and this last stage was a real struggle for him. Initially we talked and prayed a lot and he enjoyed listening. During the last days, all one could do was to hold his hands, to sit with him in silence and endure his suffering. Early one morning I received the message that he had died. I went to see him straight away. He was laid out already. I stood before him, praying. A deep sense of peace emanated from him. A strong certainty came over me and I put it into words: “You have arrived! You have been included into the mystery of God.” Although I was grieving, I left his coffin with a deep sense of peace in my soul.

Dear friends of the word, after his death Jesus appeared to his friends repeatedly. He, the dead man, was alive. He never stopped to convey to his friends what he had experienced 'in heaven', that is to say beyond the threshold of earthly life: PEACE. In one meeting he said this three times: “Peace be with you!” I saw this peace in the expression of the dead priest. This peace is waiting for us – if 'up there' or somewhere else doesn't matter. What is important is to do everything today that peace is possible, in me and between us. If we can feel this then we are experiencing today what will be infinite at the end: PEACE. **Heaven will be peace!**

for the OnWordTeam

Meinolf Wacker